

theme for this year's celebration. This theme reflects the 20 years of DC Black Pride of fulfilling the mission, which is to increase awareness of and pride in the diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender in the African American community, as well as support for organizations that focus on health disparities, education, youth and families.

DC Black Pride is led by a volunteer Board of Directors, which coordinates this annual event and smaller events throughout the year. The 2010 Board consists of: Patricia Corbett; Jimma Elliott-Stevens; Earl Fowlkes, Jr.; and Jhabriel Moore, Sr.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming all who are attending the 20th Annual DC Black Pride celebration.

HONORING JUDGE ARNOLD ROSENFELD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor a friend and community leader, Judge Arnold, Arnie, Rosenfield. Judge Rosenfield is retiring after a distinguished career marked by his commitment to children and families and his foresight in establishing successful programs to serve them.

Born in Connecticut, Arnie Rosenfield attended Vanderbilt University, where he earned his J.D. in 1971. That same year he married Phyllis Ann Rubins, and the couple has two children, Jessica and Asa.

Judge Rosenfield began his career as a Deputy District Attorney in San Luis Obispo County, CA, where he demonstrated early on his passion to serve those not always well-represented in the justice system. He handled one of the first large successful consumer protections trials in California, and in 1977, after taking the same position in Sonoma County, he established a Consumer Protection Unit. He later opened a private practice and served as the first Commissioner of Sonoma County Superior Court before being elected Superior Court Judge in 1984, a position he held until his retirement on December 31, 2009.

The majority of Judge Rosenfield's cases involved the juvenile court, and he was always a strong advocate for children at risk for emotional trauma. In 1996 he initiated the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Sonoma County, which advocates for the needs of abused children caught up in the justice system. He instigated the development of the Redwood Children's Center for easing the process of interviewing and examining these children and has been a supporter of Social Advocates for Youth, the Valley of the Moon Foundation, Jewish Children and Family Services, and the Parent Education Project of Sonoma County. He also served on the Advisory Committee on Juvenile & Family Law for the California Judicial Council. "I have been very involved in my career in trying to make the court system work better for kids and families who find themselves caught up in it," he says.

Judge Rosenfield was also a strong proponent of restorative justice, an approach in

which offenders work with the victims and the community for repair of the harm they have done. He used these techniques, especially for kids, before there was an actual movement and became a leader in the field as well as an instructor at Sonoma State University, Empire Law School, and California Judicial College.

For his work, Judge Rosenfield has received numerous awards including Juvenile Court Judge of the Year by the California Judges Association and the 2009 Rex Sater Award from the Sonoma County Bar Association for Excellence in Family Law.

Madam Speaker, Judge Arnold Rosenfield has provided Sonoma County with a legacy of innovative programs and, more importantly, an example of what passionate leadership can accomplish. "It's my belief that for the most part what we do to kids and families here in the justice system continues to be destructive," he says, "and I've spent my time trying to make it more constructive. I try to care about the families that I see and am very gratified to see lives turn around." Thank you, Judge Rosenfield, for the many lives you have turned around and for showing us what can be done in the name of justice.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER COMMENDATIONS

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate several New Jersey law enforcement officers who are to be commended for performing above and beyond the call of duty. Our law enforcement officers are held to the highest standards, and it is a great honor to recognize them for their outstanding efforts. These officers will be recognized at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office 22nd Annual PROCOPS Award Banquet. PROCOPS, or Prosecutor's Recognition of Citizens or Public Servants, recognizes members of law enforcement and civilians whose significant actions, bravery and concern for the well being of society have made Burlington County, NJ a safer place to live.

I would like to commend the following officers: Detective Richard Naff of the Moorestown Twp. Police Department for his outstanding investigative work that led to the dismantling of a residential burglary ring; Officers Duane Grazioli & Dean Potts of the Burlington County Sheriff's Office for crawling under a burning tractor trailer and pulling the driver to safety; Ptl. Nicholas Czepiel of the Florence Township Police Department for administering medical assistance to a fellow officer following a serious collision; Det. Robert Bennett of the Maple Shade Police Department for his sustained involvement in the life of a troubled juvenile who came to him for help; Patrolmen Brandon Conard and Paul Barnes of the Riverside Police Department for their tenacious search that led to the discovery of an injured and disoriented citizen; Detectives Linda Chieffalo, Irene Angelaccio, Patrolman Thomas Polite of the Westampton Police Department for skilled police work that led to the identification and arrest of an armed gas

station robber; and Patrolmen Shaun Welthy & Ryan Bieri also of the Westampton Police Department for administering life-saving CPR.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in extending congratulations and thanks to these exemplary law-enforcement officers.

RECOGNITION OF DR. RAMMOHAN ON HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MS RE- SEARCH

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Kottil Rammohan for nearly three decades of providing care to patients and conducting ground-breaking research in central Ohio. Dr. Rammohan, who is retiring from Ohio State University this year, has touched the lives of countless patients and people throughout the world living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) or other neurological disorders.

As a faculty member in the neurology department at OSU, Dr. Rammohan's dedication to MS research has led to numerous advancements in his field. One of his achievements was discovering a breakthrough in treating fatigue, a symptom that plagues many of those living MS. His discoveries help improve the quality of life for the hundreds of thousands of Americans who live with this disorder.

Outside of OSU, Dr. Rammohan has been active in several medical organizations including the MS section of the American Academy of Neurology and the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers. He also has served as the acting chair of the Buckeye Chapter Clinical Advisory Committee and the national Clinical Care Committee for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. His valuable contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society have earned him recognition in its Volunteer Hall of Fame.

Dr. Rammohan, who has been repeatedly recognized as one of America's Best Doctors, has been asset to our community for decades. On behalf of all Americans living with MS, I am happy to congratulate and thank Dr. Rammohan for his distinguished career in the field of neurology and for his lifelong devotion to helping others.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. CHARLES TOWNES ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LASER

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleagues in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the laser. This is a unique and fitting opportunity to recognize Charles Hard Townes.

South Carolina has the distinction of claiming Dr. Townes, who was raised on a farm just outside of Greenville and graduated from Furman University. His long career led him to the historic Bell Labs, Columbia University, the